

## COMING IN AUGUST. . .

. . . a training and certification opportunity for Nebraskans to be certified as a Brain Injury Specialist with the **Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS)**. If you work in the area of Brain Injury, this certification opportunity is for you. To learn more about ACBIS visit their web site at, <http://www.acbis.pro/index.html>, where you will find information about eligibility requirements; the application; training and testing requirements; maintaining certification; and the annual renewal process.

From the ACBIS web site:

*Certification as a Brain Injury Specialist provides recognition of an individual's advanced training and work experience in brain injury services. The certification does not ensure that an individual is well-suited for employment. Rather, the completion of the certification process demonstrates the certificant's commitment to learn about brain injury rehabilitation and to maintain that knowledge through continuing education. The certification also shows that the certificant is dedicated to providing improved quality of care for persons with brain injuries.*

Pam Kasl will be the Group Administrator coordinating the efforts in Nebraska. By participating in a group, the application fee is lower and the training is established and provided to you. Depending on the number of applicants participating, the application fee is \$200 for 5-29 applicants or \$175 for 30 or more applicants. Based on past experiences, the group will be between 5 and 29. In addition to the application fee, each participant must purchase *The Essential Brain Injury Guide*, which is discounted to \$40.00 plus \$6.00 shipping if purchased at the time of application. The book will be sent to you after the application is accepted. Total cost of the certification process will *likely* be **\$246.00**

### DATES AND INFORMATION

If you decide to participate, online applications must be completed and your payment and employment verification must be sent to Pam Kasl by **June 11, 2010**. This deadline is firm so please plan accordingly. You will need our group ID# which is SONE10. After all information is submitted, ACBIS must review and approve all the applications. When they are approved, the books are sent out. You need time to read and study the book prior to the training.

Training is scheduled for **August 5 & 6** at the Assistive Technology Partnership, 3901 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln. Judy Harvey, MS CCC-SLP and Lori Terryberry-Spohr, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, both from Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital will be conducting the training, which includes lectures, discussions and group activities. A training agenda will be sent at a later date. Certification testing will be held on the afternoon of **August 6<sup>th</sup>** or you may complete the testing within one year of the application date.

If you decide this opportunity is for you, contact Pam to receive future information via e-mail:

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